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Date: April 15, 2014

Dear Permittee,

This letter will serve as our Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Pot Creek On/Off Allotment during the 2014 grazing season. The following items will guide our management of this allotment this year.

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Nonuse</u>	<u>Permitted Season</u>
Hacking Land & Livestock	5	0	6/1-10/31
Siddoway Diamond Mtn. Assoc.	20	0	6/1-10/31
Lorin Merkley	5	0	6/1-10/31

### **Distribution and Grazing Strategy**

Distribution of the livestock on the allotment will follow the on-off provision authorized in your Term Grazing Permit. This on-off provision allows livestock to graze on both Forest Service administered lands and adjacent private lands controlled by the permittee as a natural grazing unit.

### **Proper Allowable Use**

Utilization standards for the on portion, or Forest Service administered lands, of the allotment will be described using allowable use percentages of available forage. Allowable use is 50% in upland forage areas in all units. A four to six inch stubble height of riparian forage species, such as sedges, will be left in all riparian areas (i.e., stream corridors and wet meadows) at the end of the grazing season. Allowable use will be monitored at key areas on the allotment. Key areas are those rangelands or riparian areas on the allotment most preferred by livestock and are typically grazed first and receive the most concentrated use. When allowable use is met in key areas, cattle will be removed from the allotment. Utilization cages, ocular utilization examinations, or stubble height measurement may be used to determine forage utilization by livestock in key areas.

### **Fees**

Please ensure that your Bill for Collection for the upcoming grazing season is paid by the due date.

### **Weed Free Hay**

Any hay or straw used in association with your grazing permit should be certified and tagged as noxious weed seed free as directed by Forest Service Order #04-00-097. Please make sure that any hay, straw or mulch used on the Forest complies with this order.



**Records**

Enclosed is a Grazing Use Record. Please use this form to keep track of your livestock movements into and out of pastures. Make sure that the information is correct and returned to our office **no later than October 30<sup>th</sup>**.

We look forward to working with you again this year, and appreciate your willingness to cooperate with us in the proper management of the allotment. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Garry Brown at (435) 781-5168 or (435) 790-7030 cell.

Sincerely,

NICHOLAS T. SCHMELTER  
District Ranger

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Actual Use Form  
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